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Visitor's Guide to Historic Sites and Museums

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Visitor's Guide to Historic Sites and Museums

We invite you to explore the rich heritage and idyllic beauty of Pennsylvania, and we hope you'll let this guide lead the way. It features carefully compiled sections on four different trails so you can find the one that best connects with your interests. Within each section, you can preview your journey and get details on trail stops and highlights along the way. A convenient map follows the table of contents.

Site operations may vary seasonally, so it's best to call ahead for hours and special event information. You should also call in advance if you or someone in your group requires special assistance.

No matter which trail you choose, we're sure it will lead you to experience – and embrace – the people, places and events that make Pennsylvania so special.

1830s LOG HOUSE, SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER

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How to use this guide:

The four trails highlighted on the map above correspond to the trails outlined on the right. The trails are grouped by theme, each one designed to take you through a colorful cross-section of the state. As you read through the guide, you'll find the four trails discussed in depth, complete with overviews, detailed profiles of trail stops and even driving times (driving times are approximated, so add more time if you'll be making extra stops).

So use the guide to find a trail that sparks your interest, then use it to plan your journey. Don't forget to call in advance to check for seasonal hours and special event information.

How to use the map:

The four trails are color-coded on the map and throughout the guide for easy reference. The numbers along each trail correspond to the trail stops described in detail within the guide.

TRAILS OF HISTORY

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The Pennsylvania State Archives

Military History Trail

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9. Daniel Boone Homestead
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STATE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

The State Museum of Pennsylvania

300 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0024
At Third and North Streets
(717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org

Presenting the Commonwealth's heritage from the earth's beginnings to the present. The museum includes fine art galleries, archaeological artifacts, decorative arts, dioramas, industrial and technological innovations and military history. Attractions include the Planetarium, Dino Lab, a Civil War exhibit and Curiosity Connection. Programs include concerts, lectures, exhibits and workshops. Adjacent to the State Archives and the State Capitol. Visitor services include a self-guided tour, museum shop and lunchroom. Volunteer support provided by the Friends of the State Museum. Free; Planetarium $; Curiosity Connection $

The Pennsylvania State Archives

350 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0090
At Third and Forster Streets
(717) 783-3281
www.phmc.state.pa.us

Established in 1903, the State Archives is the official repository for permanently valuable government records dating back to the founding of the Commonwealth in 1681. Next to The State Museum, over 200 million documents, maps and photographs are available for public use in the Archives Search Room. A favorite resource for historians, genealogists and the just plain curious. A listing of the Archives' holdings is available on the PHMC website at www.phmc.state.pa.us.

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TRAILS OF HISTORY OVERVIEW

In Pennsylvania, all roads lead to history. To help you find your path, we've blazed four special-interest trails leading to some of Pennsylvania's historic sites.

Military History Trail

Walk where Revolutionary heroes have walked. Imagine yourself there as re-enactors re-create history on landmark battlefields. Connecting sites of military significance, this trail maps a comprehensive tour of forts, battlefields and training grounds.

Historic Homes Trail

From modest stone homes to sprawling estates, this trail opens the door to Pennsylvania's past. Original furnishings, gardens, outbuildings and architectural intricacies tell the stories of these enduring homesteads and the people who built and inhabited them.

Industrial Heritage Trail

The labor of iron, coal, oil and lumber workers built businesses and towns that left legacies on this trail and beyond. You'll see examples of the industries at work and meet the people who lent innovation and determination to these early enterprises.

Rural Farm and Village History Trail

Rooted in Pennsylvania's rural beginnings, this trail leads to pastoral landscapes from Colonial to recent history. Escaping into the sylvan settings is as simple as joining a tour. To truly live the history, you'll want to take part in special events throughout the year that resurrect the craft and culinary heritage of centuries past.

MILITARY HISTORY TRAIL
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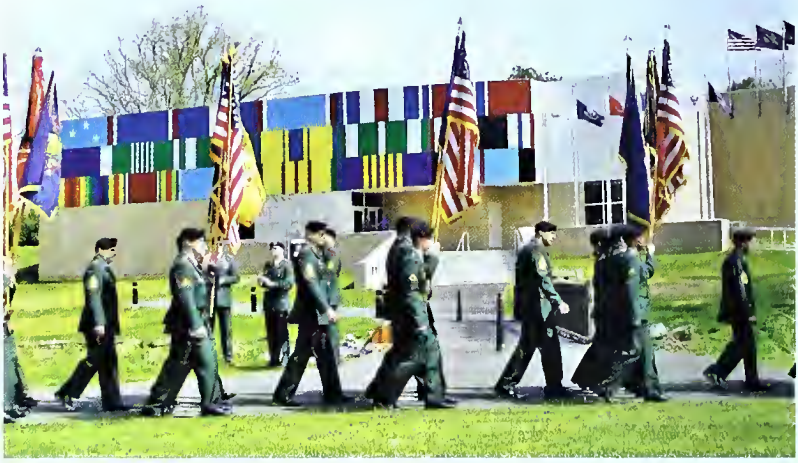

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM

The fight for independence has enriched Pennsylvania's heritage. On this trail, walk the same ground as legendary military heroes as you visit historic forts, battlefields and training sites.

The **Erie Maritime Museum** serves as homeport to the U.S. Brig *Niagara*, the reconstructed warship that won the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812. Climb aboard when the ship is in port or explore interactive exhibits in the museum.

Fort Pitt Museum marks land once fortified by the British and French to defend Colonial claims. You'll leave understanding how the French and Indian War ignited and influenced the founding of Pittsburgh.

NIAGARA,
ERIE MARITIME MUSEUM

En route to or from Fort Pitt, stop at **Bushy Run Battlefield** just as 400 British soldiers did in 1763. Troops

NATIVE AMERICAN RE-ENACTORS AT BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD

in historical dress annually re-enact the confrontation with Native Americans that opened Western Pennsylvania to settlement.

At **Brandywine Battlefield Park** in southeastern Pennsylvania, visit the quarters used by Washington and Lafayette during the biggest single-day battle of the American Revolution. The rolling landscape here, near Chadds Ford, is as captivating as its history.

Visit **Washington Crossing Historic Park** and imagine the icy night in 1776 when the General crossed the Delaware River with his army, boosting the colonists' confidence in their struggle for independence.

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GALLERY AT THE PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM

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1 Erie Maritime Museum, Homeport of the U.S. Brig *Niagara*

150 East Front Street
Erie, PA 16507
Between State and Holland Streets, Erie Bayfront
(814) 452-2744
www.brigniagara.org

Welcome aboard the Commonwealth's official flagship. *Niagara* carried Oliver Hazard Perry to victory in the Battle of Lake Erie, near Put-in-Bay, Ohio, September 10, 1813. With her cannon proudly displayed, this faithful reconstruction of Perry's relief flagship recalls Perry's battle flag, "Don't Give up the Ship!" and victory message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours!" The bayfront museum features hands-on exhibits, a one-of-a-kind "live fire" exhibit, a dockside amphitheater and spectacular views of Presque Isle Bay. Programs include living history scheduled throughout the summer, lectures and special events. Visitor services include an orientation film, museum store and snack bar. Adjacent to the Blasco Memorial Library. During the summer season, *Niagara* visits many Great Lakes and East Coast ports-of-call, so please call ahead for the ship's schedule. Volunteer support provided by the Flagship Niagara League. NRHP, $

>>Drive time from Erie Maritime Museum, Homeport of the U.S. Brig *Niagara* to Fort Pitt Museum is 2.25 hours.

2 Fort Pitt Museum

101 Commonwealth Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Downtown in Point State Park
(412) 281-9285
www.fortpittmuseum.com

A re-created 18th-century bastion. This pivotal site, the Gateway to the West, recalls the conflict between England and France for the control of North America. The museum depicts the history of the French Fort Duquesne, English Fort Pitt and early Pittsburgh through dioramas, exhibits and period objects. Programs include a Colonial Fair and events held in Point State Park. Visitor services include tours, an orientation film and museum store. Volunteer support provided by the Fort Pitt Museum Associates, Inc. $

>>Drive time from Fort Pitt Museum to Bushy Run Battlefield is 45 minutes.

3 Bushy Run Battlefield

P.O. Box 468
Harrison City, PA 15636
On S.R. 993 near Jeannette
(724) 527-5584
www.bushyrunbattlefield.com

Discover Pennsylvania's only recognized Native American battlefield. The battlefield marks the 1763 British victory of Colonel Bouquet over a force of Native American warriors, a victory that opened the western frontier for European settlement. Programs include the anniversary of the Battle of Bushy Run, re-enactments, encampments and crafts demonstrations. Visitor services include an orientation film, museum store, visitors' center, exhibits and preserved battlefield. Volunteer support provided by the Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society, Inc. NHL, $

>>Drive time from Bushy Run Battlefield to Pennsylvania Military Museum is 2.5 hours.

4 Pennsylvania Military Museum

P.O. Box 160A
Boalsburg, PA 16827
On U.S. 322
(814) 466-6263
www.psu.edu/dept/aerospace/museum

The museum honors Pennsylvania's citizen soldiers. Exhibits include uniforms, equipment, weapons and memorabilia. The surrounding 67-acre park includes the 28th Infantry Division Shrine, military vehicles and artillery. Programs include the 28th Infantry Division Memorial Service (Memorial Day Weekend), Civil War encampments, lectures and special events. Visitor services include an orientation film, exhibits, walking trails and museum store. Located in historic Boalsburg, just east of State College. Volunteer support provided by the Friends of the Pennsylvania Military Museum. $

>>Drive time from Pennsylvania Military Museum to Brandywine Battlefield Park is 3 hours.

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5 Brandywine Battlefield Park

P.O. Box 202
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
On U.S. 1
(610) 459-3342
www.ushistory.org/brandywine

Follow in the footsteps of George Washington at Brandywine Battlefield. Two Quaker farmhouses, occupied by Washington and Lafayette, are located on the grounds and stand much as they did in 1777. Programs include Washington's Birthday, Revolutionary Times at Brandywine and Candlelight Christmas. Visitor services include exhibits, orientation film, guided tours of the park and houses and a museum store. The battlefield is located on the rolling countryside of Brandywine Valley. The Brandywine River Museum is located nearby. Volunteer support provided by the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates. NHL, $

>>Drive time from Brandywine Battlefield Park to Washington Crossing Historic Park is 1.5 hours.

6 Washington Crossing Historic Park

P.O. Box 103, 1112 River Road
Washington Crossing, PA 18977
PA 32 at S.R. 532
(215) 493-4076
www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing

See where Washington's army crossed the Delaware River on Christmas Night, 1776. The 500-acre park includes 13 historic buildings, the village of Taylorsville and the McConkey's Ferry Inn. Programs include Washington's Birthday, Independence Day and Washington Crossing Re-enactment on Christmas Day. The adjacent Bowman's Hill Tower provides spectacular views of the Delaware Valley. Visitor services include an award-winning orientation film, visitors' center, guided tours, hiking trails and museum store. NHL, $

Note: You can find more historic homes on our Historic Homes Trail at Conrad Weiser Homestead and Hope Lodge, on our Rural Farm and Village History Trail at Landis Valley Museum and on our Industrial Heritage Trail at Eckley Miners' Village.

HISTORIC HOMES TRAIL
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PENNSBURY MANOR HOUSE

Step inside a variety of historic homesteads that open the door to pioneer life and innovation.

A pastoral setting magnifies the charm of the **Conrad Weiser Homestead.** Look for the spring house and a statue of Iroquois Chief Shikellamy, Weiser's partner in Native American-Colonial treaty negotiations between 1731 and 1758.

Though his family left the home when he was 16, the **Daniel Boone Homestead** preserves a glimpse into 18th-century life. Enjoy a house tour, then follow the gravel path around the grounds to view other period buildings.

You'll feel right at home at **Graeme Park.** Picnic next to the pond, where wetlands shelter hawks and deer like those Sir William Keith, Pennsylvania's Provincial Governor, might have seen when he built his home on this land around 1722.

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE

BATTALION RE-ENACTOR AT CONRAD WEISER HOMESTEAD

Many homes on this trail emerged from a desire to retreat from "city" life. Pennsylvania's founder, William Penn, commissioned **Pennsbury Manor** in 1683 based on his belief that country living was more wholesome than city living. This reconstructed country estate on the banks of the Delaware River comes alive with costumed interpreters and farm animals.

Hope Lodge is an exquisite 18th-century Georgian home boasting a grand design and unique collections of period furnishings, decorative arts and fine art...

CHIEF SHIKELLAMY

7 Joseph Priestley House

472 Priestley Avenue
Northumberland, PA 17857
Near the crossroads of U.S. 11 and Route 147
(570) 473-9474
www.josephpriestleyhouse.org

The American home and laboratory of the discoverer of oxygen. Step into the late 18th century and learn about this famous theologian, educator and scientist. His handsome Georgian-style house is the primary exhibit. Scientific equipment, books and furniture are also displayed. Programs include Twelfth Day at Priestley House, A Woman's Place, Summer History Camp and Heritage Day. Visitor services include a guided tour, an orientation film and exhibit and a museum store. Volunteer support provided by the Friends of Joseph Priestley House. NHL, $

>>Drive time from Joseph Priestly House to Conrad Weiser Homestead is 2 hours.

8 Conrad Weiser Homestead

28 Weiser Lane
Womelsdorf, PA 19567
On U.S. 422, between Lebanon and Reading
(610) 589-2934
www.conradweiserhomestead.org

Discover Pennsylvania's celebrated peacemaker. A Colonial diplomat, Weiser is credited with maintaining peace with the powerful Iroquois Confederacy. His 1729 homestead, spring house and family gravesite are well preserved within an early 20th-century landscaped park. Programs include living history, candlelight tours, re-enactments, military encampments and lectures. Visitor services include guided house tours, an orientation exhibit and film and a museum store. Volunteer support provided by the Friends of Conrad Weiser Homestead. NHL, $

>>Drive time from Conrad Weiser Homestead to Daniel Boone Homestead is 30 minutes.

9 Daniel Boone Homestead

400 Daniel Boone Road
Birdsboro, PA 19508
One mile north of U.S. 422 at Baumstown
(610) 582-4900
www.danielboonehomestead.org

Follow in the footsteps of a legendary frontiersman. The homestead, on 579 acres of rural countryside, includes the Boone House, restored and furnished with an outstanding collection of period Pennsylvania furniture, tools and farm implements. Programs include Children's Day, Evening on the Green, Architectural Heritage Day and the Christmas Program. Visitor services include guided tours, museum store, trails and acres of unspoiled open land. Volunteer support provided by the Friends of Daniel Boone Homestead. NHL, $

>>Drive time from Daniel Boone Homestead to Hope Lodge is 1 hour.

10 Hope Lodge

553 South Bethlehem Pike
Fort Washington, PA 19034
Off PA 309, Exit 339 (the PA Turnpike)
(215) 646-1595
www.ushistory.org/hope

Visit this exquisite 18th-century Georgian home. Built for Samuel Morris, it is grand in design and includes unique collections of period furnishings, decorative arts and fine art. Programs include summer youth history camp, Evening Concerts on the Lawn, Summer Fun Sundays and 1777 Encampment Reenactment. Visitor services include guided tours of the mansion, an orientation film and museum store. Volunteer support provided by the Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill. NRHP, $

>>Drive time from Hope Lodge to Graeme Park is 15 minutes.

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11 Graeme Park

859 County Line Road
Horsham, PA 19044
West of U.S. 611 near
Horsham
(215) 343-0965
www.ushistory.org/graeme

This home of a provincial governor is a rare blend of rustic charm and genteel refinement. Built by Governor Keith in 1722 and sold to Dr. Thomas Graeme in 1739, the house reflects a Scottish heritage and interprets how servants, friends and family members lived in the 1700s. Programs include the Native American Cultural Festival, the Celtic Heritage Festival, Living History Days and Candlelight Tours. Visitor services include guided house tours and museum store. Volunteer support provided by the Friends of Graeme Park. NHL, $

>>Drive time from Graeme Park to Pennsbury Manor is 45 minutes.

12 Pennsbury Manor

400 Pennsbury Memorial Road
Morrisville, PA 19067
Near U.S. 1 and U.S. 13, south of
Morrisville, east of Tullytown
(215) 946-0400
www.pennsburymanor.org

The country estate of Pennsylvania's founder, William Penn. Penn's reconstructed home is beautifully situated on the Delaware River. Visitors can experience 17th-century life through the furnished manor house, bake and brew house, outbuildings and formal and kitchen gardens. The site comes alive with costumed interpreters and period farm animals. Programs include Colonial Crossroads Festival, Holly Nights and Sundays at Pennsbury. Visitor services include tours, exhibits, an orientation film and museum store. Volunteer support provided by The Pennsbury Society. NRHP, $

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INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE TRAIL
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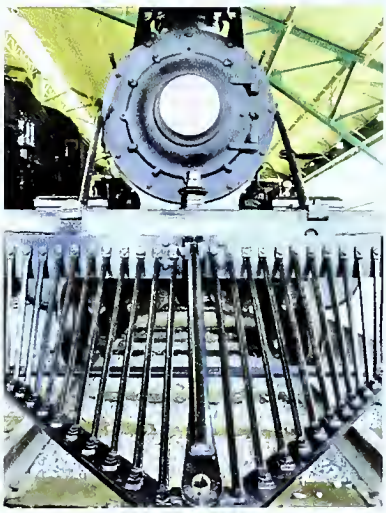
DRAKE WELL MUSEUM

Get inspired by Pennsylvania's industrious past. On this trail, visit fascinating sites and see how the state's labor legacy has been carried out locally and beyond.

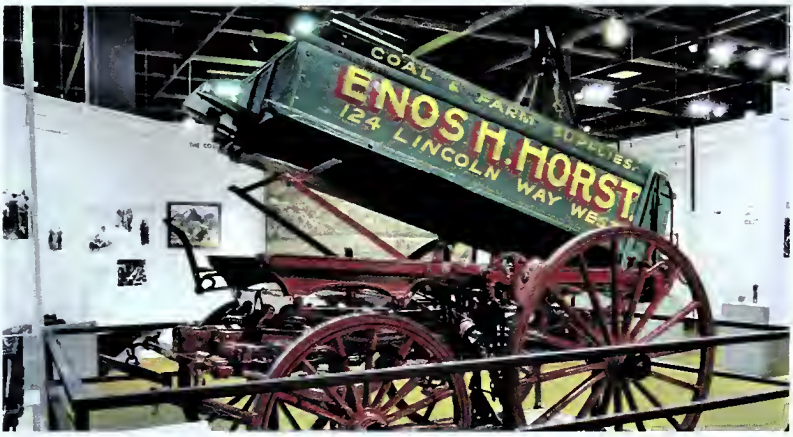
Pennsylvania's oil resources did more than help to sustain its citizens – they gave birth to the modern petroleum industry. **Drake Well Museum** offers an explanation, along with access to Oil Creek State Park. Biking and hiking trails start at the museum; fishing and canoeing on Oil Creek invite a side trip or return visit.

The **Pennsylvania Lumber Museum** recalls an era when Pennsylvania ranked as the nation's top lumber producer. See a steam-powered sawmill, tour the rugged camp or peek inside the Engine House to see a 1912 Shay logging locomotive.



RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

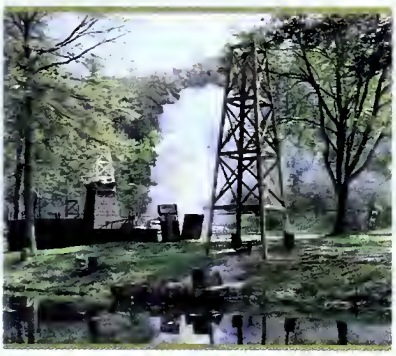
Eckley Miners' Village is an anthracite-mining town with churches, schools and a company store. Amble past the homes, many of which have changed very little since their construction in the 1850s.



THE PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Old enough to have produced cannonballs during the Revolutionary War, **Cornwall Iron Furnace** remains the last intact structure of its kind in the U.S. Take a guided tour to see iron-making equipment and buildings. Take a short drive to see the old mines, the Ironmaster's estate and workers' villages.

The **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania** displays the massive railroad equipment that kept Pennsylvania's industries on the go. View the permanent collection of more than 100 locomotives and cars from the mid-19th and 20th centuries and changing exhibits on railroading.



13 Drake Well Museum

202 Museum Lane
Titusville, PA 16354
Off PA Route 8, south of Titusville
(814) 827-2797
www.drakewell.org

Birthplace of the modern oil industry in 1859. Operating oil field machinery surrounds a replica of Edwin Drake's original well house. Guided gallery and grounds tours with hands-on activities show how oil dependence began. Programs include Antique Auto Show, Fall Gas Up Engine Show, Nitroglycerine Show, Heritage Lecture Series, Oil Heritage School Tours and Summer History Camps. Visitor services include orientation films, research library, museum store and picnic pavilions. Nearby are McClintock Oil Well #1 (1861) and Pithole City Boomtown (1865). Biking and hiking trails connect to nearby Oil Creek State Park; the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad boards at Drake Well. Volunteer support provided by Friends of Drake Well, Inc. NHL, $

>>Drive time from Drake Well Museum to Pennsylvania Lumber Museum is 3 hours.

14 Pennsylvania Lumber Museum

P.O. Box 239
Galeton, PA 16922
Denton Hill on U.S. 6 between Coudersport and Galeton
(814) 435-2652

Walk into a re-created lumber camp and discover the life of 19th-century loggers. The museum features exhibits on Pennsylvania's forests and logging practices. Programs include the Bark Peelers' Convention featuring entertainment, contests, food and sawmill demonstrations. Visitor services include an orientation film, museum store and self-guided indoor and outdoor tours. Hike the one-mile Sustainable Forestry Trail. Located on picturesque Route 6. Volunteer support provided by the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum Associates. $

>>Drive time from Pennsylvania Lumber Museum to The Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum is 3 hours.

15 The Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum

R.D.1, Bald Mountain Road
Scranton, PA 18504
Exits 182 or 191B off I-81;
Exit 122 off I-476; McDade Park, off Keyser Avenue
(570) 963-4804
www.anthracitemuseum.org

Discover the people of Pennsylvania's anthracite coal region – their work, ethnicity and family traditions – from the days when hard coal was king. Featured is the work of 20th-century African American coal sculptor C. Edgar Patience. Programs include a lecture series and changing exhibits. Visitor services include an orientation film, self-guided tour and museum store. The Lackawanna Mine Tour is located next to the museum in McDade Park. Volunteer support provided by members of the Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates. $

>>Drive time from The Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum to Scranton Iron Furnaces is 5 minutes.

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16 Scranton Iron Furnaces

159 Cedar Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505
Exit 185 off I-81, Cedar Avenue
(570) 963-4804
www.anthracitemuseum.org

The industrial site that rolled the rails for the nation's railroads. Four massive stone stacks are the remains of the blast furnaces of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company, built between 1848 and 1857. The furnaces ranked as the second-largest iron producer in the U.S. by the 1880s. Exhibits include on-site interpretive signage. These industrial remains are located in downtown Scranton within walking distance or trolley ride of Steamtown National Historic Site and Electric City Trolley Museum. Visitor center open seasonally and grounds open daily. Volunteer support provided by the Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates. NRHP, Free

>>Drive time from Scranton Iron Furnaces to Eckley Miners' Village is 1 hour.

17 Eckley Miners' Village

2 Eckley Main Street
Weatherly, PA 18255
Eight miles east of Hazleton
off PA 940
(570) 636-2070
www.eckleyminers.org

Visit an authentic 19th-century patch town, a typical coal miners' village of 58 buildings – miners' houses, churches, a doctor's office and general store – situated on 82 acres in the heart of the anthracite coal region. Programs include an Anthracite Lecture Series, Patch Town Days, Children's History Camp, Civil War Encampment and Christmas in Eckley. Visitor services include a guided tour, orientation film, exhibits and museum store. The site was used for filming The Molly Maguires in 1968. Volunteer support provided by the Eckley Miners' Village Associates. NRHP, $

>>Drive time from Eckley Miners' Village to Cornwall Iron Furnace is 2 hours.

18 Cornwall Iron Furnace

P.O. Box 251
Cornwall, PA 17016
Rexmont Road at Boyd Street
near Mt. Gretna and Hershey
(717) 272-9711
www.cornwallironfurnace.org

America's most complete charcoal-fueled iron-making complex. Cornwall produced arms for the American Revolution. The well-preserved furnace and mid-19th-century Gothic Revival structures around it include an 1839 steam engine and 24-foot gear. Nearby are the abandoned open pit mine, ironmaster's estate and picturesque workers' villages. Programs include a lecture series and the Christmas House Tour. Visitor services include guided tours, exhibits and museum store. Volunteer support provided by the Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates. NHL, $

>>Drive time from Cornwall Iron Furnace to Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is 1 hour.

19 Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

P. O. Box 15
Strasburg, PA 17579
On PA 741 across from
Strasburg Rail Road
(717) 687-8628
www.rrmuseumpa.org

Explore a fascinating world-class collection of more than 100 historic locomotives and vintage railroad cars from the industry that built the nation. Experience the early 20th-century Steinman Station passenger depot, Stewart Junction interactive railway education center, 1915 Street Scene exhibit, freight engine cab simulator, railroad art and artifacts and the outdoor Restoration Yard. Among the programs are Railroad Heritage Days, Railroad Kids Day, Trains & Troops, Home for the Holidays, changing gallery exhibits and innovative educational activities. Visitor services include an orientation film, self-guided tour, reserved group tours, museum store and research library by appointment. Volunteer support provided by the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. NRHP, $

RURAL FARM AND VILLAGE HISTORY TRAIL

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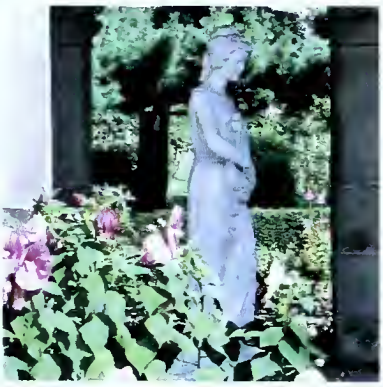
ORIGINAL COVERED BRIDGE AT SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER

Experience the beauty of rural Pennsylvania along this trail, which is full of pastoral landscapes and colorful history spanning from Colonial to recent times.

The fields and gardens at **Old Economy Village** supported members of the Harmony Society as they pursued interests in industry and commerce. Flowers and vineyards are among the plantings you'll find there today. A new visitors' center interprets the story of this successful early enterprise.

Sample all things pioneer at **Somerset Historical Center.** The smokehouse, constructed around 1800, is a wooden rarity; the maple sugar camp lays out all the accoutrements for producing the sweet substance circa 1850. The Center's annual Mountain Craft Days, where 100-plus craftspeople demonstrate centuries-old specialties, take place the weekend after Labor Day.

At **Ephrata Cloister,** the tranquil surroundings fostered the communal life of the German pietists, both celibate and married, who lived and worked in buildings reminiscent of medieval Europe. Their music, printing and creative expression were known throughout the colonies.



THE PAVILION AT OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

26 Old Economy Village

270 Sixteenth Street
Ambridge, PA 15003
Off Route 65
(724) 266-4500
www.oldeconomyvillage.org

The Harmonists, a Christian communal society, founded this village in 1824. The Harmonists were known for their piety, as well as for their economic successes in textile manufacturing, including silk production, and later in the oil and railroad industries. The village features gardens and 17 buildings furnished with original artifacts. Programs include exhibits, an annual Garden Workshop, Family Festival, Erntefest and Christmas at the Village. Visitor services include exhibits, an orientation film, guided tours and museum store. Volunteer support provided by the Harmonie Associates, Inc. NHL, $

>>Drive time from Old Economy Village to Somerset Historical Center is 2 hours.

27 Somerset Historical Center

10649 Somerset Pike
Somerset, PA 15501
On PA 985, PA Turnpike, Exit 110
(814) 445-6077
www.somersethistoricalcenter.org

The Historical Center interprets the rural life of southwestern Pennsylvania from its earliest settlement to modern times, with special emphasis on change and the lives of everyday people. Exhibits include a re-created 1770s settler's cabin, an 1830s farmstead, a restored 1890s cider press, a covered bridge, a maple sugar camp and a general store exhibit. Programs include Mountain Craft Days, one of the state's premier folk festivals. Visitor services include a visitors' center, an orientation film and exhibit, a museum store and a genealogical research library. Volunteer support provided by the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County, Inc. NRHP, $

>>Drive time from Somerset Historical Center to Landis Valley Museum is 3 hours.

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22 Landis Valley Museum

2451 Kissel Hill Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
Off Route 272
(717) 569-0401
www.landisvalleymuseum.org

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23 Ephrata Cloister

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Ephrata, PA 17522
On U.S. 322 at PA 272
(717) 733-6600
www.ephratacloister.org

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